ONLINE ANNUAL MANDATORY REVIEW IS DUE MARCH 1

Medical and allied health staff can now complete their Annual Mandatory Review (AMR) online. Any provider with membership and/or privileges at Children’s is required to complete the AMR by March 1, 2016.

Click here to complete the AMR, review the pertinent documents, attest to your review and adherence to the documents, and provide your electronic signature. A confirmation email will be sent to Medical Staff Services to record your completion. If you have any questions, please email Medical Staff Services or call 402-955-3775.

SAVE THE DATE FOR ANNUAL TRAUMA CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of the Pediatric Trauma Patient Conference, scheduled for Friday, June 3 at Embassy Suites-La Vista. The keynote lecturer is Caleb Steffen, M.D., Plastic Surgery Fellow, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, discussing the role of media violence. The conference will also offer expanded case studies. Six hours of continuing education credits are available. Registration and detailed brochure will be available in March. Contact Sara Olsen, 402-955-6070, or Judy Timmons, 402-955-4582, with questions.

See the flyer for more information on target audience, conference topics, and CEUs.

NEW MOLECULAR ASSAY FOR HSV

On Feb. 16, Children’s Laboratory began offering a new in-house molecular assay for herpes simplex virus (HSV) testing of mucocutaneous lesions. Previously, the primary testing methods offered through the laboratory were direct fluorescent antibody (DFA) and culture-based methods. The new molecular method is FDA-approved for dermal/mucosal specimens. DFA and culture may still be ordered. However, in most diagnostic situations the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) is the preferred test for mucocutaneous lesions due to improved sensitivity and turnaround time.

The new test may be ordered as: HSV 1 and 2 by DNA amplification.

For questions regarding this change, please contact Tess Karre, M.D., Microbiology Laboratory director, 402-354-7842.
UROLOGY JOURNAL HONORS DR. VILLANUEVA

The editors of The Journal of Urology have named Carlos Villanueva, M.D., Children’s Specialty Physicians, Urology, as a recipient of the Outstanding Reviewer in 2015 Award for dedicated service and timely reviews of manuscripts on Pediatric Urology. The official announcement of this honor will be made during a reception at the American Urological Association Annual Meeting in San Diego in May. An editorial will be published in the June issue of The Journal of Urology describing the award and Dr. Villanueva as an Outstanding Reviewer in 2015. Congratulations, Dr. Villanueva!

FINANCIAL BOOT CAMP BREAKFAST FOR PHYSICIANS

Join Rob A. Randels, Northwestern Mutual Wealth Management Advisor, for an informative discussion of tax-advantaged solutions for both wealth accumulation and wealth preservation at the Physician Financial Boot Camp Breakfast, Wednesday, March 16, from 7 to 8:30 a.m. in Children’s Board Room. Rob A. Randels CFP®, MBA, RICP®, ChFC®, CLTC, specializes in working with physicians. Please RSVP to Children’s Foundation at 402.955.6851 by March 14.

TRAINING FOR CACTUS CREDENTIALING DATABASE AVAILABLE

Medical Staff Services is launching a new web-based version of our Cactus credentialing and privileging database. This database will remain the central repository for provider demographic and contact information as well as current privileges. Training sessions in March will help attendees navigate the database. If you know of anyone in your area who needs access to this type of information, please add their name to the sign-up sheet on the Q drive (Q\MedicalStaff\CactusTrainingSignup2016). Class size is limited to 12 attendees. If you have any questions, please contact Medical Staff Services or call 402-955-3775.

In addition, Medical Staff Services monthly updates a provider directory available on Children’s Intranet. This directory contains contact information as well as NPI number and privilege listings. For those with access to Children’s Intranet, there are two ways to access this directory:

1. Q:\MedicalStaff\Roster\medical staff roster.pdf or Q:\Medical Staff\Privileges
2. On Children’s Intranet, click on Departments & Services, then click on Medical Staff Services, then on Medical Staff/Allied Health staff roster or physician privileges hyperlinks

PLEASE COMPLETE HOMECARE SURVEY PRIOR TO GO-LIVE

Children’s Home Healthcare values physician feedback with regard to accessing clinical information in the care of patients. Please complete a brief survey that should take less than five minutes. Please click on the link below to complete the survey by March 6, 2016.

TAKE THE SURVEY

Any questions or concerns can be addressed to Brian Allison, executive director of Children’s Home Healthcare.
EPIC UPDATE

**Medications activity to be removed from outpatient menus on March 6**

To ensure patient safety related to the Private Duty Nursing go-live on Sunday, March 6, the Medications activity will be removed from outpatient Epic menus on that date. All actions previously performed in this activity can be performed in the Meds and Orders visit navigator section.

SEE THE TIP SHEET ▶

**Haiku push notifications live on February 29**

On Feb. 29, push notifications will be enabled for the Haiku and Canto mobile apps. Any high-priority staff messages and critical results that are currently sent to your Epic In-basket (Outpatient and post-discharge inpatient results) will generate a push notification to your mobile device, if you’ve previously logged into Haiku or Canto. The notification will also appear on any Apple or Android Wear smartwatches associated with the mobile device.

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